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MARCH 18, 1976 AND 1977 WERE MARKED BY AN UNSUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT FOLLOWED 12 MONTHS LATER TO THE DAY BY THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT NGOUABI. CONGOLESE APPEAR QUITE SKITTISH AS MARCH 18 APPROACHES THIS YEAR. MILITARY ARE EVERYWHERE. MARCH 18, 1978 IS TO BE MARKED BY A SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF NGOUABI'S DEATH, AND THERE ARE ATTENDANT RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES AND LIFTING OF MIDNIGHT CURFEW WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR ALMOST A YEAR. GOCB HAS TIGHTLY HELD INFORMATION CONCERNING RECENT ATTEMPT BY SEVERAL YOUTHS TO SABOTAGE HYDRO-CONGO OIL STORAGE TANKS. KATZEN

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